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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 2542

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, GY, CU  
SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF GDF IN CUBA

REF: GEORGETOWN 2513

1. A FORMER OFFICER OF THE GUYANA DEFENCE FORCE (GDF) WHO STILL MAINTAINS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE GDF INFORMED AN EMBOFF DECEMBER 13 THAT THE RECENT VISIT TO CUBA BY GDF CHIEF OF STAFF, BRIGADIER CLARENCE PRICE, AND SEVERAL OTHER GDF OFFICERS WAS DESIGNED TO AMELIORATE PROBLEMS OF MORALE AMONG GDF SOLDIERS IN TRAINING THERE. REPORTEDLY GDF PERSONNEL ARE DISENCHANTED WITH LIFE IN CUBA AND THIS ENCHANTMENT HAS FOUND EXPRESSION IN OCCASIONAL CONFLICTS BETWEEN GUYANESE AND CUBAN SOLDIERS.

2. THE SOURCE MAINTAINS THAT THIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE CUBAN EXPERIENCE AMONG THE GDF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SERVED IN CUBA IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN BY GOG. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CUBAN-TRAINED MEMBERS OF THE GDF HAVE REPORTEDLY VOICED CRITICISM OF CUBAN SOCIALISM ON THEIR RETURN TO GUYANA AND RIDICULED THE INCONSISTENT AND RHETORICAL NATURE OF GUYANESE SOCIALISM.

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